



# CGS NEWS

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### Physics Clinic

Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in rooms 6, 33 and 34. Open to all year groups.

### English Clinic

ALL of the Year 12 pupils, whose parents were contacted last term **MUST** attend English Clinic each Tuesday. The next clinic is Tuesday 10th March after school in Mrs Reid's room.

### Maths Clinic

Monday afternoons from 3.25pm to 4.25pm in room 18.

### French Clinic

Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in room 3.



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Macdonald and his wife who were the winners of the Strictly Come Dancing Competition on Saturday at the Hilton, Templepatrick.

## IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

5 MARCH 2020



Come along to Room 39 at 12.40pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March for some **free hot chocolate** and listen to a **reading of "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse" by Charlie Mackesy** in celebration of World Book Day.

Don't forget to spend your £1 World Book day voucher this month and Happy Reading!



## ParentMail

*Thank you to the majority of parents who already have paid school fund this year.*

*If you haven't paid yet, please look out for an email with the option to pay either by setting up a direct debit to pay in instalments or else to pay online via 'Payments' on the Parentmail App.*

In this school, we are following and will continue to follow Public Health Agency (PHA) [advice on COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) for places of Education as documented at gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19)

# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



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On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



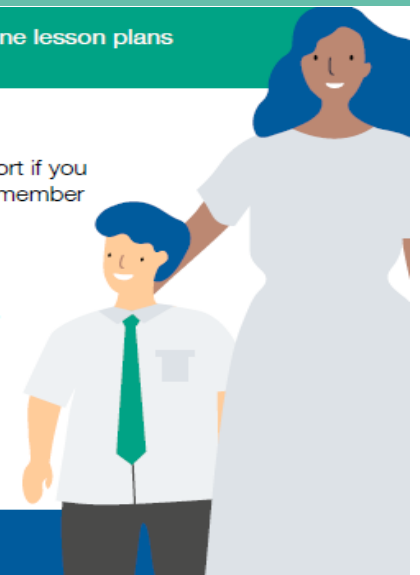
Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.



**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**

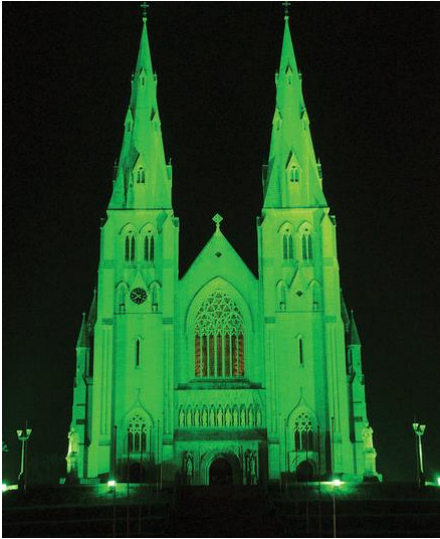
## Carrickfergus Grammar School Basketball Team



Congratulations to Carrickfergus Grammar School basketball team who played their first match against Ballyclare Secondary and won. Best of luck for future matches.



## Celebrate St Patrick 2020



The Senior Choir will be performing in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. As part of the celebrations for St Patrick's Day 2020, they will join with 10 other choirs from throughout the UK and Ireland for a concert which will be broadcast across America over the Saint Patrick's day holiday. The concert is open to the public, starting at 8pm with tickets available from

## French Trip to Paris 2020



February payments for the Paris trip were due last week; could any late payments please be brought in this week. Thanks.

## Bridge Club - Galway 2020



Last weekend we had our main competition and travelled to Galway to take part in the Irish Schools' Bridge Championships. This year again we had 3 teams representing the school and credit must go to all pupils as they performed extremely well throughout the weekend against Ireland's Bridge elite. The tournament this year was in 2 sections, the pairs competition on Friday evening followed by the teams' event on Saturday and Sunday.

In the pairs, Amy Taylor and Adam Hendry played very well and finished in an impressive third position. This really is an excellent result against the 28 best pairs in Ireland, only being beaten by pupils who have represented both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland at Under 18 level.

The teams event kicked off on Saturday afternoon and unfortunately things didn't quite go our way in the early stages meaning we didn't qualify for the gold final. However not to be deterred, our top team of Alex Millar, Amy Taylor, Evan McKeown and Adam Hendry came through and won the silver competition.

Galway is our final competition in a busy year of bridge so it was a great and fitting way to end our season. Keep an eye out next year as no doubt we will have even more success at Ulster and Ireland level if this season is anything to go by. Well done all.



## Young Enterprise



Congratulations to the Young Enterprise team, Xylo, who competed in the North East Trade Fair on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The team picked up the 'Special Achievement Award'. Well done to all those involved.



Unfortunately, no entry has won the French meme competition for January and February.